CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (previously presented) A system for protecting buildings or structures against external influences with wire cables that are placed under tension over and adjacent at least a part of the building or structure, the system comprising:

ends or extensions of the cables of a predetermined cross-sectional size and made of a predetermined material; and

respective clamping bodies each having a guide passage receiving the respective end or extension and shaped such that when ~~the tensile force~~ tension in the respective cable is increased the reaction force presented by the clamping body is increased generally proportionally to the ~~tensile force~~ tension, the passage having a frustoconical inside surface that narrows progressively in the direction of the ~~tensile force~~ tension, the clamping bodies being made of a material that is harder than the material of the end or extension of the respective cables, the wire cable or the extension thereof having a continuous broadening engaging the inside surface.

2 - 3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) The system according to claim 1 wherein the wire cable or its extension is plastically deformed

when relative movement occurs through the guide in the direction of the ~~tensile force~~ tension.

5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended) The system according to claim [[5]] 1 wherein the guide for the wire cable or for its extension is comprised of a plurality of clamping jaws or spring-loaded rolls that are mounted at individual mutual angles.

7. (previously presented) The system according to claim 1 wherein the extension of the wire cable is comprised of a strip-like body that preferably is wound on a roll.

8. (canceled)

9. (previously presented) The system according to claim 1 wherein different cables have different reaction forces or different breakage strengths.

10. (previously presented) The system according to claim 1 wherein the wire cables can be accommodated in or at the facade or roof of the building or structure for protective storage.

11. (previously presented) The system according to claim 1, further comprising

a frame structure outside the building or structure that offers an additional facade surface in which the wire cables can be accommodated for protective storage.

12. (currently amended) The system according to claim 1, further comprising

profiles mounted on or in the facade or roof forming cavities in which wire cables can be accommodated for protective storage.

13. (previously presented) The system according to claim 1, further comprising

means for connecting the clamping body in which the end of a wire cable or the extension thereof is held translationally movably to the building or structure.

14. (currently amended) The system according to claim 1, further comprising

profiles connected to the wire cables, that are mounted on or in the facades or roof, and that can be rotated, swung, or moved translationally.

15. (previously presented) The system according to claim 14 wherein the profiles cause the wire cables to be pulled out of the wire cable storage places and to be tensioned by rotational, swinging, or translational movement of the profiles.

16. (currently amended) The system according to claim 1<u>4</u> [[3]] wherein the profiles ~~or frame structures~~ are essentially comprised of metal.

17. (previously presented) The system according to claim 1 wherein the wire cables placed under tension form a net structure.

18 - 19. (canceled)